

The Middletown Transcript.

EDWARD REYNOLDS, EDITOR.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 18, 1875.

In speaking of the non-arrest of Whitlock the *Commercial* says, "some persons are so uncharitable as to think that if the case had been reversed and a negro had killed a white man he would not only have been arrested on the spot, but would have been tried by 'lynch law.' Well, you know all the facts are not dead yet, and until they are such opinions will be entertained."

Why did not the person who sent us the little poem, entitled "To each Life some rain must fall," accompany it with his, or her, name? Will people never understand that newspaper publishers will not publish anonymous articles sent them, without the name of the writer? If the poem referred to is original with the individual who sent it to us there is no need to conceal the author's name.

George Alfred Townsend has written a long letter to the *Cincinnati Commercial*, remarkable only for its want of truth, and in which the writer shows how completely "ignorant" he is of his subject, and how "absurdly little" he knows about "Delaware, the Saubabys, the Baybys and the Bigges." This wonderful letter the *Washington Commercial* republished on Wednesday with great glee, although professing to regard George Alfred as a stranger to verity.

THE MAIN ELECTION.—The recent State election in Maine, though the result was a victory for the Republicans, brought with it but a meager amount of consolation to the victors. That State has always been one of their strongholds and was always counted sure for their side; but such a tremendous onslaught was made upon their ranks by the Democrats last week, cutting down their hitherto large majority of 14,000 to 4,000, that it begins to be a reasonable question of doubt as to whether a little harder work by the Democrats would not have given them the victory.

Postmaster-General Jewell is fast proving himself a Jewell in deed and truth to his business career. Within the past week he has not only arranged with the railroad kings for fast trains to Chicago and other Western cities, through in 24 hours, with the United States mail, but he has also established early and quick mail facilities between New York, Baltimore and other cities on the Atlantic seaboard. By this latter arrangement, the same train by which the New York morning papers were delivered in Philadelphia at an early hour, now carry the mail and we receive proportionate benefit from this improvement. New York papers and letters now reach Middletown by the morning mail train at 10 o'clock, instead of 8 P. M. as heretofore. All honor to Postmaster Jewell. He is appropriately named.

We publish this morning, from the *Gazette*, a correspondence between Samuel Townsend, Esq., and Messrs. Wright & Sons and others in regard to the recent attempt to ship peaches to Europe, and the cause of its failure. This is an important correspondence and will be read with a great deal of interest by a large majority, if not by all, of our readers. The action of President Hinckley in refunding the freight paid on the peaches to Philadelphia was certainly very generous, as he could not be held in any way responsible for the failure.

Now, one word about Mr. Townsend's letter. The old gentleman scolded the weekly papers pretty roundly for not copying his letter from the *Gazette*, and of course we came in for a share of the scolding. Our chief reason for not reprimanding it was, that the additional expense would prevent any shipment being a commercial success.

Anticipating the arrival of the fruit, our Liverpool friends laid it as follows: "Being a new trade, it is of course impossible to give any idea as to what the result may be. This has been a very good year for peaches and indeed all fruit in this country, so that prices will not rule as high as we would have done had English fruit not been plentiful." We are, dear sir, yours respectfully,

(Continued.)

Shipping Fruit to Europe.

Editor of Transcript:—In regard to the much discussed subject of shipping American fruit to European markets, you will not accuse the writer of meddling with other men's business foreign to his own, should he venture a word in reference to the same, when he assures you that he was one of the shippers interested in the trial made by the *Ohio*, on August 26th, to the amount of twenty-five crates of choice peaches of choicest variety, pre-payment of twenty-five dollars as vessel freight, three dollars and twenty-five cents railroad freight to Philadelphia, plus the cost of crates, preparing fruit, &c., and the loss of all the same.

Now we have received notice from railroad authorities that the amount of railroad freight is to be refunded, and it is to be supposed that the amount expended as vessel freight will be refunded by the Steamship Company. However, he says as it may. If we lose all money expended by us on that experiment, it is a cheap one, inasmuch as we assure ourselves that in the future it can be made a success.

Now the business of transporting American fruit across the Atlantic Ocean to European ports, is one of no insignificant magnitude, neither in the undertaking itself nor in the pecuniary importance to the American fruit growers, the transporting company, nor to the European consumers; hence the necessity of a more general and extended preparatory outlay to guarantee a practical success, than was offered by the Steamship Company in the contracted and so scantily supplied refrigerator on board the *Ohio*! In the future let the company contract to carry out fruit, with knowledge gained from experiment of the *Ohio*, providing a refrigerating space for ample storage of all fruit bargained for, and let them remember that ice in sufficient quantity, to furnish the refrigerator after the first supply, can be manufactured on board the steamer at least cost, than that created by purchase, storage and general inconvenience of the immense quantity of natural ice needed to supply during the whole trip of two weeks duration. The *Ohio* started with fifteen tons of ice, which lasted three days (August 27th, 28th and 29th), proving the average consumption of ice in the vaults to be five tons daily, or the whole amount needed for the other days in which to consummate their journey would be fifty-five tons, which amount, however, would be insufficient should the steamer be unavoidably detained on its voyage. Several days hence, sixty or seventy tons of ice would be the least amount with which they could go with any guaranteed safety leave our shores; then let the remedy of supplying ice by artificial means be resorted to at the continual manufacture of ice can hardly be achieved, by scientific employees; if the exterior of the refrigerator is to be provided with sheet iron tanks or reservoirs into which shall be allowed to drain the water, accreting from the melting ice and moisture from the atmosphere, (for we are told that the condensed moisture from the atmosphere, passing over one ton of ice in the vaults of fruit refrigerators almost or quite equals the bulk of the amount of water produced by the ton of ice when melted) in such a manner as it may be subjected to the coagulating influence, either in a compartment of the steamer *Ohio*, as a refrigerator to carry peaches to Liverpool. Never have I known a person pretending to know about a business make such a blunder and failure as you made in attempting to refrigerate a compartment in the steamer *Ohio*. The average passage of said vessel you know to be from 10 to 12 days. The vessel left Philadelphia at 8:30 A. M. of the 26th of August; just below Chester she struck bottom, got off and anchored until next morning, Friday, about 6:30 A. M., thus a delay of near 24 hours in the river within 20 to 22 miles of Phila. was made, and had your man in charge of the refrigerator had any previous practical sense on the subject of how much ice it would take, he could then have examined the ice supply, and from the amount exhausted have formed a pretty correct opinion of how much more he would have needed, and could have got all the ice he needed to the gate keeper's punch. (These tickets were afford the public an opportunity to visit the exhibition, and will not be received at the entrance unless punched by gate keeper.

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AND HAS NO EQUAL.—The best also has Potent *Hoe Shifter*, by which boots can be changed from straight to zigzag line, or vice versa, while seedling the *Grass Seed* attachment is perfect. In fact, it will be impossible to give a better or more superior lawn than possible by this Drill here, without expending too much space.

3d. The *Potent Hoe* or *Sliding Cultivator* of *Spring Bar*, for sowing the grain deep or shallow, is an improvement not possessed by any other Drill.

4th. The *Potent Shovel* for *Cultivating* and *hoeing* to remove clods or corn stalks, with roots or corn stalks, or accumulating of grit and gravel, and making the Drill run easily, is a decided improvement over all other Drills.

5th. The *Potent Spring Hoe*, having *Gum Springs* on end of *Drill Bar* (and the only perfect gum spring arrangement made), thereby doing away with the old wooden spokes, and allowing the Drill to pass over the ground in mind that there were not least doubt in my mind but that there would have been ice enough to keep it. I am thoroughly satisfied on this point from my own experience in shipping. It is more than sufficient to carry them over safely. If the room had been filled with warm meat there is not the least doubt in my mind but that there would have been ice enough to keep it. I am thoroughly satisfied on this point from my own experience in shipping. It is more than sufficient to carry them over safely. If the room had been filled with warm meat there is not the least doubt in my mind but that there would have been ice enough to keep it. I am thoroughly satisfied on this point from my own experience in shipping. It is more than sufficient to carry them over safely. 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Local and State Affairs.

Person who are indebted to us, will confer a favor by calling and settling their accounts.

Items of Local Interest.

Our streets were remarkably quiet on Monday evening.

As peach picking grows lighter the tramps become, daily, more numerous in town.

The rain on Friday last was heavily welcomed by the town people, if not by peach shippers.

The annual reunion services at Old Drawers' Church, near Odessa, were held last Sunday.

The Sheriff's real estate sales are now advertised in the *Morning Herald*, the new daily paper just started by the Messrs. O'Byrne.

School, in district No. 60, will begin on Monday next under charge of Mr. Stephen Higgins.

Miss Annie Maxwell has opened a private school on North Broad street, in the room formerly occupied by G. W. Higgins as a broker office.

Messrs. R. M. & W. T. Johnson, of Smyrna, intend to open a shoe store in the side room in the Town Hall, this town, recently occupied by Mr. G. W. Waudain.

Andrew Kirk, son of James Kirk, Esq., editor of the Dover *Deaderwood*, has been appointed to a cadetship at the U. S. Navy Academy, at Annapolis, by Senator Bayard.

Captain M. W. Macklem, of the Monitor House, Wilmington, has a pumpkin said to measure 42 feet by 5 feet, and to weigh 750 pounds.

Rev. J. Hough preaches at the Methodist Church to-morrow. The Quarterly Conference meets at the usual place at 3 P. M. to-day.

The *Morning Herald*, published by the Messrs. O'Byrne every morning in Wilmington, is a credit to their enterprise and to the city as well.

Peach shipments are now growing smaller every day. "Smucks" and a few other varieties only remain to be shipped and they are scarcely worth calling peaches.

The annual fair of the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association takes place this fall on the 5th, 6th and 7th of October. Only little more than three weeks off.

The Littleton of New Castle county and adjoining counties of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, are going to have a harvest home and picnic in the woods near Newport on Thursday.

The *Sussex Journal* says the peach-growers of that county are worse off now financially than they were before the beginning of peach season. Their shipments brought them in debt.

During the evening exhibition of the New Orleans and New York Circus Company at Wilmington last week a severe storm of wind and rain came up, and unmercifully put a stop to the proceedings.

The Attorney General, it is said, intends to have the Contingents who failed to execute the Coroners' warrants for the arrest of the Whistlers, indicted at the approaching term of Court for dereliction of duty.

The *Herald and Commercial* have been publishing each other, this week, on the question of finances—specie and greenbacks—each accusing the other of knowing nothing about the subject.

J. Fletcher Burris, formerly of this Hundred, and a recent graduate of the Michigan University, Ann Arbor, Mich., has obtained a position as teacher in California on a salary of \$2500 per annum.

The rain which fell on Thursday may have somewhat retarded the work of gathering and shipping peaches, but it was hailed as a great public blessing by the town people, for the dust had got awfully thick again.

The work of cutting off corn has commenced, and the fields are beginning to present a very autumn-like appearance. The farmers are also busy preparing the ground for wheat and seedling will soon commence.

The "Blind Staggers," the horse disease which recently broke out among the horses in Thoroughbreds, still prevails in that district and numbers of valuable animals are being daily added to those which have died of it.

Dr. Clayton A. Cowgill, formerly of Dover, but now State Comptroller of Florida, has been making a visit to his parents in Dover for a week or two. He is accompanied by Gov. Stearn and State Senator Burris, of Florida.

Those abominable nuisances, the tramps or peach plucks, now that the peach season is drawing to a close, having spent the money they received for rum, are hanging around the streets and annoying the people by their constant begging.

Wm. Short, an old and eccentric citizen of Georgetown, Sussex Co., died in that town last week. Some of his peculiarities were to wear long white hair and beard, say queer things and profess to believe nothing that he did not see, but feel for himself.

It has been suggested that it would be an eminently proper thing for the stockholders of the Peninsula Agricultural Association, with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, to hold a grand picnic on the Fair Grounds previous to the exhibition.

There are said to be about 120 stills in operation in this State making peach brandy. It is estimated that some 20,000 gallons have already been made and considerably more will be made yet. This feature of the great peach crop looks more like a curse than a blessing.

The injunction case of E. W. Lockwood, against the use of the peach cutter patented by John A. Jones, of Middletown, was temporarily disposed of in the United States Court, in Wilmington, Thursday afternoon, by a suspension of the injunction, until the further orders of the Court.

Middletown and Vicinity Items.

BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER.

Addie Fairbanks, a young lady residing in Odessa, stumbled over a buck in Sellers' dry-goods house on Wednesday, and falling on her back received some painful injuries.

There is a rumor in circulation that in one house in Middletown forty negroes live, and in another twenty. If this isn't economy and (bad) health, I'd like to have a better sample.

Land Purchase.—Our townsman, Mr. Wm. Wilson, has purchased of Harrison W. Vickers, trustee, the farm known as "Tolchester," situated below Chestertown, Md., immediately on Chesapeake Bay. The farm contains 1040 acres, and the price paid for it was \$22,500 per acre, and this is considered a good bargain, as 800 acres are tillable and yield good crops, especially corn.

The horses with the "blind staggers" under Mr. Harvey's treatment are rapidly recovering. The horse whose jaw bone was fractured not long ago is also doing very well. This latter speaks well for the skill in veterinary surgery of Mr. Harvey.

The usual quietude and monotony of our town have been considerably disturbed recently by many incidents—the result of the free use of fire water. On Saturday evening last several individuals were found soundly sleeping upon the side walks, the curb their pillow and Heaven's canopy their covering. The police's tender feelings prompted him to give them a softer bed and more comfortable lodging; so he picked them up and escorted them to the lockup where they slept of the effect of their potions and on Sunday morning were set at liberty.

Another party was arrested for wrongfully appropriating to himself the greenbacks of another. A woman was also arrested for disturbing the peace and lodged in the cells where she remained her "allotted time" and was discharged.

On Monday evening a party of three entered the saloon of Charles Adams and after drinking each struck one of the inmates and returned to the street. Mrs. H. caught up a stick and ran after the assailants and—measured her length in the gutter. The police then marshalled their forces and started in hot pursuit of the law breakers. When the hot limits were reached the party turned, drew pistols and defied further advance. This brought the pursuers to a halt, and the chief, finding his gun was not a cap, beat a retreat. The injured parties are convalescent and rapidly recovering. No arrests have yet been made.

Cutting Case.—At Sellers' dry-goods house in this town, Mr. James Collins is employed as night "boss," and his subordinates are principally of the colored race. Some difficulty has been occasioned in keeping many of these hands awake during the night, and among hard sleepers is Mary Blackiston. Now, on Friday night of last week Mary was "snoozing" complacently, and "not a woe of trouble rolled across her peaceful" brain. Mr. Collins approached her three times and tapped her on the arm, at the same time telling her to wake up and go to work. The last time he did so he shook her harder than usual and before he could withdraw his hand the negro lifted the knife and drew it across her wrist, cutting a bad gash, and rendering medical aid necessary, beside causing a loss of time to Mr. Collins. Mary alleges that it was all an accident, but some of her friends are anxious to prove that she had previously made threats to repay her overseer for his style of talking to her ladyship. The case may be peacefully settled, as the woman has begged forgiveness and offered to pay the doctor's bill.

Delaware City Items.—
DELAWARE CITY, Sept. 17.

The "park" presents a very inviting appearance. O. if it was only larger!

Business is as lively in our town as elsewhere, and though there is a dullness we have no cause for complaint.

The Chesapeake and Delaware canal has done an exceedingly good business this summer. Boats are even "locked" in the river on Sundays, so to allow safe transportation to the perishable freight.

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The annual fair of the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association takes place this fall on the 5th, 6th and 7th of October. Only little more than three weeks off.

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